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Trump NIL

From CBS News: *President Trump intends to sign an executive order in the coming days establishing national standards for the NCAA's Name, Image and Likeness program, which has reaped millions of dollars in revenue for top college athletes, according to multiple people familiar with his plans. College athletes can now make millions before ever going pro, thanks to a set of NCAA rules enacted in 2021 that relaxed previous restrictions on being compensated for playing or accepting endorsement deals. Student athletes can now profit from merely showing up to play, or from jersey sales, autographs or serving as spokespeople for companies ranging from global brands to car dealerships near campus.*

Mr. Trump is engaging on an issue that has quickly reshaped and, in many ways, roiled college athletics after a House subcommittee on Tuesday advanced a bill along party lines that would establish national standards for sponsorships. The legislation, called the "SCORE Act," would supersede a patchwork of state laws regulating Name, Image and Likeness, or NIL. While the bill has bipartisan support, there is also bipartisan concern it would give too much power to the NCAA and do little to protect the interests of college athletes...

Full story at https://www.news9.com/story/68778dc9f0012fb49747941f/trump-sign-executive-order-national-standards-college-sports-nil.

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Straws in the Wind - Part 43

From the Wall St. Journal: *...The University of Michigan's alumni association... told students it was canceling the Lead Scholars program, a week before the school announced it was closing its DEI offices. The alumni group said it ended the scholarship to comply with the law and with guidance from the federal government.*

More than 800 students have received awards since Lead Scholars began in 2008. It was meant to support minority students after the state of Michigan banned using racial preferences in public-college admissions, and offered at least $5,000 a year as well as community events...

Other scholarships have dwindled or are on pause. The Justice Department... said that the state of Illinois and six schools—including Northwestern University, Loyola University of Chicago and the University of Chicago—suspended a scholarship for minority graduate students called Diversifying Higher Education Faculty in Illinois after the department threatened a lawsuit over racial discrimination...

The Illinois Board of Higher Education said the program wasn't suspended, but the state had agreed to evaluate the fellowship—which is enshrined in state law—along with the Illinois General Assembly.

Northwestern withdrew from the program in March, a school spokesman said. Loyola and the University of Chicago didn't respond to requests for comment. The University of Illinois-Chicago on its website said its participation in the program was paused because of "funding restrictions from sponsor." ...

Full story at https://www.wsj.com/us-news/education/anti-dei-minority-scholarships-a721ba1b.

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Will Harvard Continue to Lead the Charge? - Part 33

From The Hill via Yahoo News: *The Trump administration is ramping up its war with Harvard University despite the president having previously hinted a deal was in the works. The White House is pulling nearly every lever at its disposal to try to get Harvard to bend the knee to its demands, threatening its accreditation and issuing a subpoena over international students in its latest moves this week. "We're clearly seeing the emergence of a playbook by the Trump administration. They have been open about the fact that they are going to try to use every possible form of leverage they can find to compel institutions to bend to their will," said Jonathan Fansmith, senior vice president of government relations and national engagement at the American Council on Education...*

Harvard decried... the actions..., condemning the federal government's findings that it violated antidiscrimination laws and insisting it has turned over the information regarding its foreign students it was legally obligated to...

"It does make you wonder why they feel the need to keep talking about having a deal when those deals don't manifest. And I will say I don't know where negotiations stand, but Harvard has been very clear in the past about what the red lines [are] for them," Fansmith said, emphasizing the institution says it won't give up control of its faculty...

Full story at https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-harvard-fight-escalates-president-100000076.html.

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Thursday, July 17, 2025

Watch the Regents Meetings of July 15, 2025

On the first day of the July Regents meetings (July 15), both the Investments Committee and the Health Services Committee met at UCLA. Prior to the Investments Committee, there was a public comments session. Topics including union layoffs, union negotiations for doctor-residents, antisemitism and indoctrination, antisemitism and BDS, student-parents, complaints about the Regents meeting requirement for transparent masks for those using masks (said to be a concern for disabled students), diversity initiatives, the need for a Medi-Cal coordinator, anti-Israel statements, and complaints about working conditions at a company owned by Apollo in which UC has some investment.

At the subsequent session of the Investments Committee, there was a request to approve revised asset allocation formulas for the various portfolios by CIO Bachhar. He noted at various points that he had already made the changes. One significant change was dropping all investments in hedge funds and instead funneling the money into public equities. Hedge funds, it was said, did not perform well historically. Student Regent Sonya Brooks asked for more data to back up the various requests. She got oral stories but not necessarily the data she was seeking. It was noted that CalPERS just reported a good year (2024-25) for returns and that was similarly the case for UC. Regents Makarechian noted that liabilities for the pension are still growing faster than the assets. In 2008, the plan was 103% funded. Now, despite good returns since 2008, the funding ratio was 83%. He asked that increased contributions be put on the agenda for a future meeting.

At Health Services various executive pay matters were approved. There are concerns about the rising costs of pharmaceuticals and the possibility of creating a UC-run Pharmacy Benefits Manager (PBM) is being looked at, rather than rely on outside middlemen. It was reported that the state has created a new agency to try and hold down health spending. It was said that in the context of UCLA's new Medicare Advantage plan, UCLA was looking into creating some kind of PBM. (Reminder: UCLA's Medicare Advantage plan is NOT the plan offered to UCLA employees.)

There was a review of medical schools' curriculums and their relationship to accreditation. Curriculum design at the med schools is largely out of the hands of the Academic Senate. Faculty control is within the various schools as an accreditation requirement.

Finally, federal policy changes under the new bill signed on July 4th were discussed, particularly cuts in Medicaid (Medi-Cal in California). There is concern that complex work requirements will make actual work difficult to document, causing enrollment in Medi-Cal to drop. When that happens, the result will be patients showing up at the ERs with resultant higher costs.

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As always, we preserve Regents meetings since the Regents have no policy on duration of recording retention. You can find the recordings at the links below:

Investments: https://ia903207.us.archive.org/22/items/health-services-committee_202507/Investments%20Committee.mp4.

Health: https://ia803207.us.archive.org/22/items/health-services-committee_202507/Health%20Services%20Committee.mp4.

General website for July 15, 2025: https://archive.org/details/health-services-committee_202507.

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From the LA Times: *Greek authorities arrested the ex-wife of a UC Berkeley professor in connection with his slaying in Athens earlier this month. Marketing professor Przemyslaw Jeziorski was fatally shot July 4 in the Agia Paraskevi district of Athens, authorities told Greek media outlet To Vima. Jeziorski, 43, was shot five times as he was walking to his ex-wife's home to see their children.*

Authorities arrested his ex-wife and three additional suspects in connection with the shooting, police told the news outlet. The San Francisco Chronicle and Greek news outlets identified the ex-wife as Nadia Michelidaki. The tenured professor taught economics at the Berkeley Haas School for 13 years and was born in Poland, according to UC Berkeley...

Full story at https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2025-07-16/berkeley-professors-ex-wife-arrested-in-connection-with-his-murder-in-greece.

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Straws in the Wind - Part 42

From Poets&Quants: *The University of Texas at Austin's McCombs School of Business appears to have ended its decades-long partnership with the Consortium for Graduate Study in Management effective July 1, according to a consortium email to prospective applicants obtained by Poets&Quants. "Due to recent changes in state and federal policies regarding Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) programs, UT Austin has notified us that they will be ending our formal partnership," writes Consortium Vice President for Graduate Programs Michael J. Bates in an email to applicants that was forwarded to P&Q. "This decision comes after four decades of collaboration since our partnership began in 1984," he writes. "This separation is not a reflection of the value or quality of our work together. UT Austin has made clear that this decision is purely driven by regulatory compliance requirements, not by any dissatisfaction with our partnership or mission."*

The Consortium was founded in 1966 at Washington University in St. Louis when management professor Sterling Schoen realized that no Fortune 500 company of the time had an African American in its management. He and others created a network of universities who pledged to help Black students earn MBAs and enter corporate leadership pipelines. Today, the Consortium has 24 top business schools and more than 75 corporate partners in its network and has expanded its mission to create pathways for underrepresented minorities in graduate management education. University of Chicago's Booth School of Business was the latest school to join, effective July 1, 2024. The networks provide full-tuition fellowships, professional development, and a powerful network of peers and alumni for MBAs...

Full story at https://poetsandquants.com/2025/07/04/dei-the-consortium/.

From Inside Higher Ed: *House Republicans want to cut the National Science Foundation's funding by about $2 billion, according to budget documents released Monday. The House proposal shows Republicans' priorities as funding talks for the coming fiscal year ramp up. Congress has until Sept. 30 to reach an agreement on a budget, which is made up of 12 appropriations bills, or else the government could shut down. The House appropriations committee has released several proposal bills, while its Senate counterpart is just getting started. Still, funding for NSF is already one point of disagreement between House and Senate appropriators. Last week, Senate Republicans indicated that they would cut only about $16 million from NSF, leaving the agency with just over $9 billion. The House plan, which would give NSF about $7 billion, is just a proposal and doesn't go as far as President Donald Trump's proposed budget for fiscal year 2026, which cuts more than $5 billion from the agency...*

Full story at https://www.insidehighered.com/news/quick-takes/2025/07/15/house-appropriators-propose-23-cut-nsf.

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The (Seemingly) Endless Story - Part 5

We last visited the story of former Harvard professor Gino in late May on this blog. But the saga of an expert on honesty who was alleged by group known as DataColada to have manipulated her data - and who was ultimately terminated by Harvard after an investigation - continues:

From the Harvard Crimson: *A federal judge rejected the data investigation blog Data Colada's request to force former Harvard Business School professor Francesca Gino to pay legal expenses for her since-dismissed defamation suit against them. Data Colada's three bloggers moved in May to impose sanctions against Gino and her former legal counsel, from the firm Nesenoff & Miltenberg, describing her case as frivolous and punitive. "Her claims attacked the Data Colada Defendants merely for engaging in scientific inquiry, and they cast a chilling effect in derogation of important First Amendment principles," Jeffrey J. Pyle, an attorney representing Data Colada, wrote in May, saying she filed suit without "any reasonable hope of prevailing on merits."*

But Myong J. Joun, the judge overseeing the case, rebuffed the motion on Thursday. Though he wrote that her defamation case was "weak indeed," he declined to take the unusual step of requiring her to pay Data Colada's attorneys' fees. "While it is true that federal courts possess inherent power to sanction bad-faith conduct," Joun wrote in his order, "it is also true that that power must be exercised with restraint and only where it is clear a party has acted in bad faith, vexatiously, or for oppressive reasons." ...

Full story at https://www.thecrimson.com/article/2025/7/12/gino-data-colada-legal-fees/.

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